

In the Specification

At page 1, lines 6-16, please make the following amendments:

Related Patent Documents

The instant application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. ~~60/124,124~~09/522,745 filed on March ~~12, 1999~~10, 2000, entitled "Shipment Transaction System And An Arrangement Thereof" (USBA.003PA) now U.S. Pat. No. 6,697,702 issued February 24, 2004, which is a continuation-in-part of U. S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/748,243, filed November ~~[[4]]~~12, 1996, with the same title (USBA.002PA) now U.S. Pat. No. 5,910,896 issued June 8, 1999, both of which are incorporated herein by reference. The instant application is also related to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/259,657, filed February 26, 1999, entitled "Shipment Transaction System And Method" (USBA.02C1) now U.S. Pat. No. 6,571,149 issued May 27, 2003, and related to U. S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/310,711, filed May 12, 1999, with the same title (USBA.005PA) now U.S. Pat No. 6,704,612 issued March 9, 2004, both of which are continuations of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/748,243 and are incorporated herein by reference.